



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1084

Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 8, 2004

H.R. 1084 would provide immunity to volunteer pilot organizations, their employees, officers, and volunteer pilots from liability in certain civil suits alleging harm resulting from such individuals acting within the scope of the organization's mission. Such organizations typically provide wilderness rescue or medical evacuation services.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would result in no significant costs to the federal government. H.R. 1084 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1084 contains an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, but CBO estimates that the resulting costs, if any, would not be significant and would be well below the threshold established in that act (\$60 million in 2004, adjusted annually for inflation). Specifically, the bill would exempt volunteer pilots and volunteer pilot organizations from liability under state tort laws for injuries that may occur during the course of their volunteer activities. The bill contains no new private-sector mandates.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Lanette J. Walker (for federal costs) and Melissa Merrell (for the state and local impact). This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.